

General Theological Seminary

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1918-1919

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FOR THE YEAR 1918-1919.

STAFF

Throughout this year the regular staff has consisted of the Librarian and the Cataloguer only. In consequence it has been necessary to keep the Bible Room closed and to engage the services of a number of students and of the Bursar's clerk (in his off hours) for various routine jobs of general library work. As in previous years, student help has been used also for the special summer duties of taking the inventory and cleaning the books, and for the loan desk work on Saturday afternoons and in the evenings throughout the term.

GROWTH AND SIZE OF THE LIBRARY.

The volumes added to the Library during the past year number 1,058. The following table shows these additions and the present size of the Library :

Volumes purchased and bound.....	730	
Volumes given.....	328	
Total additions.....	1,058	
Volumes withdrawn.....	72	
Net growth.....	986	
Volumes reported April 30, 1918.....	63,417	
Total volumes in the Library April 30, 1919	64,403	

GROWTH AND SIZE 1915-19

	GROWTH	SIZE
1915-16.....	1,315	61,006
1916-17.....	1,241	62,247
1917-18.....	1,170	63,417
1918-19.....	986	64,403

DONORS.

Below is given the list of donors to the Library during the past year. To all of them we are duly grateful, as well as to the Diocesan Secretaries, publishers of Church papers, editors of parish year books, and of parish or diocesan papers, who are not mentioned individually below. It should be noted, further, that a number of corporate bodies, such as other Theological Seminaries, Societies, etc., which send us their catalogues or reports merely as exchanges, are also omitted from the following list:

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| American Association for International Conciliation | Gardner, Rev. W. E., D. D. |
| Anderson, Rev. R. | Gates, Rev. O. H., Ph. D. |
| Association of Life Insurance Presidents | Gilman, Miss Elizabeth |
| | Glenn, Mr. J. M. |
| | Goddard, Rev. Dwight |
| | Grief, Dr. Samuel |
| Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. | |
| Barnes, Mr. C. R. | Hall, Rev. F. J., D. D. |
| Batten, Rev. L. W., D. D. | Hammarskjöld, Rev. J. G., D. D. |
| Bedell, Rev. F. M. C. | Messrs. Harper and Brothers |
| Berkeley Divinity School | Hebrew Union College |
| Bureau of the Census | Hoffman, Mr. S. V. |
| | Hopper, Miss L. S. |
| Carnegie Endowment for International Peace | Houghton, Mifflin Co. |
| Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching | Hutchins, Rev. C. L., D. D. |
| Carnegie Institute of Washington | |
| Clapham, Mr. E. G. | Jenks, Rev. A. W., D. D. |
| Collins, Mrs. F. O. | Juny, Rev. E. deS. |
| Columbia University | |
| Comité d'effort de la France et de ses Alliés | Kennedy, Mr. Sinclair |
| Comstock, Mr. W. C. | |
| Cram, Dr. R. A. | Lau, Rev. R. F., D. D. |
| | League to Enforce Peace |
| | Library of Congress |
| | Library of War Literature |
| | Lines, Rt. Rev. E. S., D. D. |
| Dabovitch, Mr. Sebastian | |
| Denslow, Miss Marion | McKim, Rev. J. C. |
| Dixon, Prof. W. Macneile | Manning, Rev. W. T., D. D. |
| | Maynard, Rev. J. A., D. D. |
| George H. Doran Co. | Merritt, Mr. Percival |
| | Morgan, Rev. C. H., Ph. D. |
| Fosbroke, Very Rev. H. E. W., D. D. | Morgan, Mrs. Pierpont |
| Freer, Mr. C. L. | Mottet, Rev. Henry, D. D. |

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New York State Conference of Charities and Correction	Seminary House, Baltimore, Md. Slattery, Rev. C. L., D. D. Sparks, Rev. T. A.
Payne, Mr. G. H. Peters, Rev. J. P., D.D.	Tennessee State Board of Entomology
Rochester Public Library Russell Sage Foundation	Viall, Rev. K. L. A.
St. Barthelomew's Church Samuels-Bolboder, Rev. J. N. Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons	White, Rev. J. C. Willis, Rev. H. G. Woodbridge, Miss Mary

Of the more important donations, the following deserve special mention. From Rev. F. J. Hall we have received 63 volumes and 9 pamphlets; from Miss L. S. Hopper 61 volumes; from Mrs. Pierpont Morgan 42 volumes; from Rev. E. deS. Juny 36 volumes (consisting chiefly of interesting additions to our American Prayer-Book Collection) and 10 pamphlets; from Rev. L. W. Batten 9 volumes; from Mr. S. V. Hoffman, 1 volume (a copy of the Koberger Latin Bible of 1512); from Prof. W. M. Dixon, 2 volumes and 23 pamphlets; from Bishop Lines, 74 pamphlets; and from Archdeacon J. C. White, a Ms. letter of Bishop Seymour.

NOTEWORTHY PURCHASES.

Among the books bought by the Library during the year the following seem worthy of note :
 Chrysostom, Ambrosius et al. Tractatus et Sermones. 13th century Ms. on vellum.
 Church of England Magazine, 1848-52.
 Theobaldus. Pysiologus de naturis duodecim animalium. Cologne, 1502.

USE OF LIBRARY.

REFERENCE.

Day readers, 1916-17.....	3,975
“ “ 1917-18.....	3,596
“ “ 1918-19.....	2,147
Evening readers, 1916-17.....	3,411
“ “ 1917-18.....	2,528
“ “ 1919-19.....	1,453

LOANS.

Day loans, 1916-17.....	3,023
“ “ 1917-18.....	2,946
“ “ 1918-19.....	2,008
Evening loans, 1916-17.....	1,136
“ “ 1917-18.....	1,072
“ “ 1918-19.....	741
Overnight loans, 1916-17.....	1,010
“ “ 1917-18.....	1,084
“ “ 1918-19.....	377

In explanation of the decrease in the use of the Library, it should be noted that in the year 1916-17 there were 114 students enrolled at the Seminary, in 1917-18 there were 82, and in 1918-19 there were 54.

The summer loans in 1916 were 350; in 1917, 364; and in 1918, 274.

CARDS ADDED TO THE MAIN CATALOGUE.

The cards added to the catalogue during the year 1917-18 numbered 2,933; during 1918-19, there have been added 2,488.

FINANCE.

The figures below show the expenditures for the growth and maintenance of the Library during the past year. From the income of the Dean Hoffman Fund there still continues to be taken annually the sum of \$1,500.00 for changes made in the West Building. By resolution of the Standing Committee it was resolved that the Hoffman Fund should hereafter be used for any kind of Library expense instead of for the purchase of books only.

FUNDS AVAILABLE 1918-19.

From the Dean Hoffman Fund.....	\$5,457.41	
From the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	2,709.85	
From the Library Endowment Fund.....	1,212.47	
		<u>\$9,379.73</u>

EXPENDITURES 1918-19.

Charges against the Dean Hoffman Fund		
Books and Library expenses.....	\$2,134.58	
Printing Bulletin.....	593.38	
West Building.....	1,500.00	
Charged against the donation from the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	2,620.90	
Charges against the Library Endowment Fund	56.70	
		<u>6,905.56</u>
Balance May 1, 1919.....	\$2,474.17	
Bills for April approved but not paid and entered in accounts....	330.87	
		<u>\$2,143 30</u>
Net total available May 1, 1919.....		

NEEDS.

Since the departure of Miss Thompson, the second library assistant, in May, 1918, it has been necessary to make use of student help in the afternoons for a variety of general library jobs, such as reshelving books, preparing new volumes for cataloguing, marking and varnishing book-labels, checking bibliographies, etc. The arrangement has proved only partly satisfactory. The students are not equipped for any but the simpler forms of library work. The hours they can give are scattered about the week in a way that often precludes the finishing of a job by the student who started it. Examinations and holidays interrupt. It is impossible to give one variety of activity altogether to one man, and hold him responsible for it. To be sure, we have had both faithful and intelligent workers, and at least the necessary routine has been handled, it is hoped, with some approach to adequacy. Nevertheless, the Librarian feels it incumbent on him to state that the method itself is at best a makeshift, and that as soon as conditions permit, Miss Thompson should have a successor.

For the Library Committee.

GEORGE DOBBIN BROWN,

Librarian.

